Transmitter at Calicut (permanent set-up) is expected to be completed by the end of 1997-98, subject to availability of infrastructural facilities and timely completion of civil works at the site

(c) One HPT at Cannanore, 2 LPTs, one each at Pala (DD-I) and Cannanore (for relay of DD-II service) and 2 VLPTs, one each at Erattupetta and Mundakayam are envisaged to be set up in Kerala subject to approval of these schemes by the competent authority and availability of funds

New Labour Policy

243 SHRI S D N R WADIYAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to implement a new Labour Policy,

(b) if so, the details and salient features thereof, and

(c) the time by which the announcement of the new labour policy likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M ARUNACHALAM) (a) to (c) The Planning Commission has set up a Working Group on Labour Policy for preparation of the Ninth Five Year Plan under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Labour Following are the terms of reference of the working group

(1) To review the existing framework of labour policy and labour legislation and to suggest appropriate modifications in the context of emerging needs of the market-oriented economy so as to ensure healthy industrial relations and promote productivity

(2) To review the programme for labour welfare and social security systems both in the organised and unorganised sectors and recommend appropriate programme with special reference to unorganised workers women workers agricultural labour, bonded labour etc

(3) To review the programmes for elimination of child labour and suggest measures for accelerating the process

(4) To suggest appropriate programmes for promoting occupational health and safety

(5) To recommend and appropriate wage policy

The working group would submit its report on labour policy to the Planning Commission after finalisation

Air Service from West Bengal

244 SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government are considering to introduce air service from different parts of West Bengal operating from Calcutta and Bagdogra to Asansol, Durgapur, Haldia, Maldah, Cooch Behar and Balurghat;

(b) if so, whether the Government are also aware that run-ways are available in these places to operate such services; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C M IBRAHIM) . (a) A private company proposes to start air service linking Calcutta with Bagdogra, Maldah and Cooch Behar There is no proposal at present to air link Asansol Durgapur, Haldia and Balurghat.

(b) and (c) Air strips are available at all these places, except Haldia However, these airstrips have to be made operationally fit for the type of aircraft, before commencement of services

Refuelling Facility

245 SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state

(a) whether the facility of refuelling is available to foreign aircraft at a number of airports in the country,

(b) if so, the total quantum of oil supplied during the last six months and its impact on domestic aircraft,

(c) whether the prices of fuel supplied to the foreign aircraft differ from the price of fuel to domestic aircrafts, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C M IBRAHIM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The total quantity of ATF supplied to foreign aircraft during the last six months is 555304 KLs approx As regards domestic aircraft fuel was supplied as per their demand in full

(c) and (d) The price of ATF supplied to foreign aircraft is USD 227 19/KL i e Rs 7951 65/KL at a conversion rate of 1 USD = Rs 35

As regards, price of fuel supplied to domestic aircraft, the price ranges from Rs 12069 13/KL to Rs 12895 43/KL (excluding sales tax and other levies) depending upon the airport location